

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 3, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Council President Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING – DISBANNING UTILITY SERVICE BOARD – The meeting was opened for a public hearing regarding disbanding the Utility Service Board. Berkemeier said the Utility Board is still in service, but they have agreed with the change. Superintendent, Greg Shook reported that there will be a joint orientation meeting later this month. There were no further questions or comments; Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. On the 24th we had Libations by the Levee.
2. July 26th we had the Overlook ribbon cutting with the Lieutenant Governor.
3. We had a REDI meeting with community stake holders.
4. We hosted a teacher orientation for new teachers.
5. On the 30th Chief Tucker & Pavey hosted the Muncie Mayor and City Council to discuss 911 dispatch and how we handle it as a City.
6. Friday night we had Shakespeare in the Park.
7. Saturday Emerson Copeland that their 40-year anniversary.
8. We had the Flying Buffalos at Riverside Park on Saturday.
9. We had a coordination meeting today between the contractor and the architect on the Community Center to work it to fit in with our budget.
10. Tomorrow there is a REDI workshop here.
11. We have a concert this weekend.
12. We will have a handbook policy meeting on the 13th.

13. August 20th there will be a library fundraiser.
14. August 21st is the Chamber's cash bash.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that she has been working on the 2022 budget. She is still waiting on some budgets. The meeting with the DLGF is on August 19th. Berkemeier said he would like to have a budget meeting again this year. Mayor Pavey said we would wait until after our meeting with the DLGF.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier said he was hopeful for a good school year for all including our SRO Officer.

The Historical Board is having a meeting to discuss the future of the Goddard School building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Projects are fading off and closing out.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The pool closed Sunday. There will be several concerts in the next few weeks.
- **Community Center** – We had a meeting today. Things are beginning to take shape.
- **Housing** – There are signs up for interested parties.
- **Diversity & Inclusion Council** – Councilman Marzon has been in discussion with Michelle Orme from the Arts Council wanting assistance with BTW golf outing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Fire Chief Munson reported that Mark Baker was sworn in at the Board of Works meeting.

Park – Director Burklow reported that the Board of Works approved hiring Brian Souder as a full-time laborer.

He will get with the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the pool financials for this year.

The park trails will be closed this weekend for sealing.

Police – Chief Tucker said at the last meeting a stipend was approved for the full-time police employees. He asked that the term be changed to a one-time performance bonus.

Tucker reported that they had a ground and areal search last week for a suspect that fled from a County Deputy. During this time the bumper on one of our vehicles was damaged.

Animal – Director Hanna reported that the kennels are in.

Utility – Superintendent Shook invited Council to the orientation meeting on August 26th.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Indiana READI Application – Accelerate Rural Indiana –**
 - a. Advisory Committee –
 - b. Interlocal Agreements –
2. **Annexation of Former Wal-Mart Retention/Detention Pond 1850 N Main – Ordinance 2021-19** – The public hearing will be held on September 7, 2021.
3. **Joint Special Meeting Update** – Berkemeier moved to continue approval of Ordinance 2021-15. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - a. Ordinance 2021-15 Replacing the Utility Service Board with the Board of Works –
 - b. Board of Works Orientation Meeting –
4. **North Washington Street Developer RFP** – The steps are laid out:
 - a. Documents/Steps Required/Timelines
 - b. Drainage Approval – Review Tesco –
 - c. Appraisals - Kevin Klotz
 - d. Legal Descriptions (Completed)
 - e. LOMA/Fair Board – Pond Easement/Right-of-Way –
 - f. Swap with Fairgrounds Agreement/Contract –
 - g. Resolution approving swap –
5. **Ambulance Contract Extension Conversations** – We have been editing the contract. We will continue meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2021-22- Amending 2021 Salary Ordinance** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-22. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2021-19 Declaratory Resolution for Real Estate and Resolution 2021-20 Declaratory Resolution for Personal Property for Jordan Manufacturing** – John McCane informed Council that Jordan Manufacturing makes bean bag chairs. They are anticipating approximately 40 new jobs at an hourly rate of approximately \$14.00 per hour. This product is sold under Better Homes and Gardens. It is sold primarily at Wal-Mart stores. Berkemeier said he would like more detail regarding the equipment that they will be purchasing. He said he would also like more information on the personal property. He said we don't want to give abatement on already purchased equipment. Berkemeier also asked about the scoring process. He said we have been scoring abatements but this was not included in Jordan's packet. McCane said he will provide scoring documents for Council. Bridges asked if the equipment is new. McCane said the equipment has to be new to Indiana. After lengthy discussion Marzon made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-19 and 2021-20. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried with Berkemeier voting "nay".

3. **Ordinance 2021-26 Rezone Lanham 243 E US Hwy 52** – Clark informed Council that the Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation for the rezone from an R1 to C1. Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-26. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2021-27 Amendment M-2 Heavy Mfg** – Clark said the Planning Commission also gave a favorable recommendation for this amendment. Marzon moved to approve Ordinance 2021-27. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Fire/Rescue – Ambulance Remount** – Chief Munson presented a summary of the quotes for the remount, which would be paid from the EMS fund. There were 3 payment options:

Vendor	Chassis	Remount	Total Cost
Cross Roads	\$48,595.00	\$82,463.00	\$131,058.00
Fire Service, Inc	\$46,618.00	\$103,970.00	\$150,588.00
Donley Fire Serv	\$43,884.00	\$113,116.00	\$157,000.00

Munson recommended that we purchase out right from Fire Service, Inc at \$150,588.00 to be paid in full at time of purchase. It will take approximately 22 weeks to get the chassis and approximately 100-119 days to complete the work. After some discussion Gurley moved to approve the funding for the remount. The motion was not to finance but to pay outright to Fire Service, Inc. at the price of \$150,588.00. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **October Meeting Date Adjustment from 10/5/21** – Mayor Pavey said he will be out of the office for the October 5th meeting and asked if Council would consider changing the date. Daubenspeck moved to change the meeting date to Monday, October 5th. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Mayor Pavey and Chuck Kempker had a meeting regarding the issue we have been discussion on the levee. They are trying to coordinate a meeting with FEMA and DNR. We will probably need some surveys in some locations where they think water could top the levee or top an area. The Army Corp says in their mind the old rail bed is not part of the levee system. Our comment to that was that they designed it and they used it as if it were part of the levee and now you are saying it is not part of the levee.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor Pavey recommended to the Department Heads that they strongly advise their employees to get the Covid shot if they have not already done so due to an increase in numbers. He reminded them that If the employee did not get the vaccination and they come down with the virus they will not get paid time off unless they have unused time. Of those hospitalized 99% did not get the shot.

CLAIMS APPROVAL AND JUNE 2021 BANK RECONCILIATION – Marzon moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marzon moved to approve the June 2021 bank reconciliation. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was nothing further to come before Council; Daubenspeck moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.